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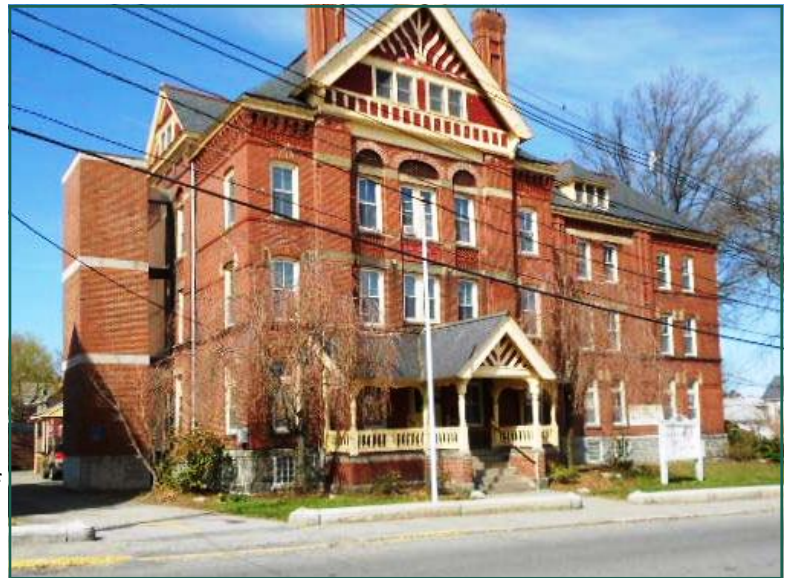
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HOUSE OF HOPE OPENS A NEW SHELTER LOCATION ON FLETCHER STREET

Dear Friends,

This is a jubilee year for us because it is both our 30th year and it is also the year that we are doubling our size and services in order to make a decisive impact on ending the misfortune of families who are living in hotels across the state of Massachusetts. I am happy to tell you that House of Hope is the new steward of the beautiful building on Fletcher Street formally known as the Merrimack River Valley House and lovingly called the "Old Ladies Home". We purchased the building from D'Youville Leadership Solutions and the acquisition was collaborative and cooperative; we are grateful to Naomi Prendergast and her team. This building has been in service to the elderly poor for over 100 years and we will honor that proud history as we serve our youngest neighbors who are living in poverty. With assistance from so many, especially the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we will renovate and repair where needed while making a commitment to preserving the beauty and historic detail of this house. As I deliver this news to you today I also thank you because our community of support has helped to make this vision a reality. We are grateful to the City of Lowell as well as to our welcoming neighbors, and our goal is to be up and running by the late fall of 2016 serving an additional 30 families every day. We are also delighted that this shelter will be fully accessible to persons with disabilities. Until then, please know of our appreciation and continue to send us positive energy and support because we are not done growing to help homeless families!



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- Deb Chausse, Executive Director

PLEASE SPONSOR A NEW SHELTER ROOM!

House of Hope must furnish 30 new shelter rooms for all of our new families at 520 Fletcher Street. Please sponsor a room for a family and have a room named in your honor. The donation to Sponsor a room for a family of two is \$1,500; to Sponsor a room for a family of three is \$1,750. A family of four is \$2,000 and a family of five is \$2,250. Sponsorships include institutional metal beds, bed-bug resistant mattresses, crib, crib mattress, comforters, sheets, bureau, desk, chairs, TV and curtains. Please contact Jennifer Sharkey, with questions or to Sponsor a Room at 978-458-2870 or Jennifer.sharkey@hopelowell.org

You are invited to the 28th Annual
Teal Invitational Golf Tournament!
Friday, July 22, 2016
8:30AM, Cost \$125

Passaconaway Country Club
Litchfield, NH.
To Sponsor a Hole, Donate a
Prize or Purchase Tickets,
email: mteal@bostoncapital.com
Before June 30, 2016



SPONSOR A WELCOME BASKET

The Welcome Basket is a gift from House of Hope to every family who comes through our door. The basket communicates that someone cares, while also providing essential everyday items. Please sponsor a welcome basket for one of our 30 new shelter families! Here's what's included:

Rectangle laundry basket	Lotion
Bath towel, Hand towel, face cloth	Lip Balm
Full size shampoo/conditioner	Bed Pillow
Bar soap/soap holder	Baby Lotion
Adult Toothbrush/toothbrush holder	Feminine Pads
Child Toothbrush/toothbrush holder	Deodorant
Toothpaste	Baby body wash
Hairbrush	Baby bottle
Diapers sizes 3,4,5,6	Baby Wipes
Portable shower caddy	Razors
Small new stuffed animal	Shave cream

Donors may either shop for the items and create their own basket or donate what you can towards a Welcome Basket. For more information please email Edna Gustafson at edna.gustafson@hopelowell.org or call 978.458.2870.

WAY TO GO CARGO!

Yes we can—we've got a new Cargo Van! The HOH Maintenance Team can now perform maintenance at each of our property locations with all of their tools—rain or shine. From snow blowers to lawn mowers, this van stores and moves everything we need. A supersized "Thanks" to Andrew and Keri Boyle and Boyle Transportation.



LINDSEY MAKES A GRAND EXIT

The House of Hope family has bid a fond farewell to one of our absolute favorite people, Lindsey DiRocco! Lindsey served HOH families with love and compassion for over six years. Lindsey was a skilled Housing Program Manager and now she's working at the Mass. Department of Children & Families as a Social Worker. We will all miss her and wish her the very best in her future endeavors! She has left her mark at HOH and in our hearts.



Yaliza, Ailyn & Lindsey

WHAT RESULTS!

Over the past twelve months, House of Hope has placed 41 families from shelter each into their own homes. According to Rose Evans, Deputy Undersecretary of the Department of Housing & Community Development, "House of Hope has been a great partner with the state in addressing the needs of the Commonwealth's most vulnerable population."

Our Housing Advocates leave no stone unturned when it comes to finding homes for our families.

HANNAFORD HELPS REUSABLE BAGS

For the month of July, HOH will receive \$1 donation from each purchase of the blue Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag at the 777 Rogers St, Lowell Location. Please buy one!



A Spring Thank You

To Bethany Loveless & family, Gath Insurance Agency, Inc. and Jennifer Shpritzer & the Middlesex Mamas for the fabulous and generous Easter Gifts!



YOU ARE MAKING HOPE HAPPEN!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to House of Hope this past Holiday Season! Together, we provided the magic of Christmas with presents and love for **117 families with 207 children**. The

Adopt-a-Child Program received immense community support from so many families, companies, churches, organizations and individuals who shared their blessings and their kindness! **Together, we make all the difference!** - Edna Gustafson, Operations Manager

Airvana, Chelmsford
Aspect Software, Chelmsford
Baystate Baptist Church, Lowell
Boston Capital, Boston
Boyle Transportation, Billerica
Concerto Connection
Covenant Christian Academy, Peabody
Corporate Education, Chelmsford
Draeger, Andover
D'Youville, Lowell
Enel Green Power, Andover
Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC
First Parish Church, Groton
The First Religious Society, Newburyport

First United Baptist Church, Lowell
For the Love of Erica—"Jump On In" Party
Fujifilm, Bedford
Girl Scout Troop #60095, Billerica
The Giroux Family
Gustavo Preston Company, Chelmsford
Intronis, Chelmsford
Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union
Kewill, Chelmsford
Knowledge Beginnings, Burlington
Kronos, Chelmsford
Lowell Lodge of Elks
Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
Mrs. Nelson's Candy House, Chelmsford

Pat Leverone—Girl Scout Troops
Pfizer, Inc, Andover
Planet Dance, Lowell
Raytheon, Andover
St. Anthony's Church, Lowell
St. Catherine's Church, Westford
St. John's the Evangelist, N. Chelmsford
St. Mary's Church, Chelmsford
St. Rose of Lima Church, Topsfield
Tewksbury Memorial High School
Triwire Engineering Solutions
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Unitrends, Burlington

